

4 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Replacement for Admiral Jerauld Wright

1. Vice Admiral Smedberg, Chief of Naval Personnel, telephoned me yesterday to volunteer his official services in acquiring a replacement for Admiral Jerauld Wright who is leaving the Board of National Estimates. Admiral Smedberg stated that he had two applicants, Vice Admiral Charles Wellborn (Retired), and Rear Admiral Tommy Robbins (Retired), who were both well-qualified for the job and anxious to get it.

2. I told Admiral Smedberg that I had not yet discussed this matter with Mr. McCone and accordingly was expressing only my own opinion when I stated that I did not feel that it was necessary to replace Admiral Wright with a senior Naval officer, nor did I feel that the Board of National Estimates necessarily needed senior military representatives. I explained that the Board of National Estimates did the bulk of its work for the United States Intelligence Board and that full military flavor was available through the military representatives to the Board as well as the military membership of USIB. I thanked him for his suggestions and told him that in the event we wished to fill the vacancy with a senior Naval retired officer I would let him know.

3. DD/I: Please give me your recommendations as to: (a) whether or not the vacancy should be filled, and (b) if so, should the replacement be a senior retired Naval officer.

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Deputy Director

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